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1. On 1 September 1953, the Central Supply and Service Command (CSSC) of the Chinese Communist Revolutionary Military Council (RMC) established a Military Supplies Production Department (MSPD) to unify supply procedures for all Chinese Communist military units through the establishment of additional factories under control of the MSPD. CHANG Hsing (1728/5281), director of the Military Supplies Department of the CSSC, was named to hold the concurrent post of director of the MSPD.¹
2. In mid-September the MSPD controlled a total of 188 factories engaged in the production of foodstuffs, footwear, bricks, tile, lumber, and weapons for military use. These factories did not include those installations under the direct control of the various military areas and districts.
3. The MSPD planned to consolidate and expand existing factories in order to reduce the percentage of supplies obtained from private factories from 60 percent in 1953 to less than 25 percent in 1954.
4. Exposures during the 1952 "anti's" campaigns of frequent instances of defective materials, failure of goods to meet specifications, production of foodstuffs unfit for consumption, and poor labor efforts were the factors which led to the establishment of the MSPD.

- 25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. Official Chinese Communist press releases have been almost the sole source of reliable information on the organization and components of the RMC, and references to the Supply and Service Command from that source have been scanty and infrequent. See however [REDACTED] 25X1A
- 25X1X [REDACTED] a plausible report which outlined the organizational structure of the CSSC in November 1951 and named CHANG Hsing as director of the Military Supplies Department and third deputy commander of the CSSC at that time.

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